

services in which Mr. Jones has a tremendous financial interest favorably by deregulating rates, among other things. The clincher is Mr. GINGRICH opposed an amendment in being soft on pornography on the cable channels. Do you know that? Mr. Jones, 40 percent of his gross is involved with the pornography channel.

The American people did not vote last November for this kind of change.

BLAME GAME IS OVER

(Mr. JONES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, the Government has not balanced its books since 1969. Since then, we have had 26 years of excuses, 26 years of Washington gimmicks, and 26 years of righteous indignation about balancing the budget.

Well, the blame game is over.

Congress has reached the end of the excuses. Our balance budget lays aside the gimmicks and the shell games. We can no longer ignore the impact of deficit spending on our children. It would be nothing less than moral irresponsibility to look our children in the eye and say to them, that they should continue to shoulder our burdens because we do not have the guts to do what is right.

Mr. Speaker, the President has two clear choices. He can choose a balanced budget and secure a brighter future for all Americans, or he can choose a dark future for our families and our children.

MR. JONES AND THE SPEAKER

(Mr. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, how many more times do the Members of this House and the public have to pick up the newspaper and see a new ethical transgression by the Speaker of the House, NEWT GINGRICH? Once again, we are treated in the Wall Street Journal to NEWT GINGRICH mixing campaign contributions, private interests, and public service. We now see that Mr. Donald Jones served as an adviser to Mr. GINGRICH 2 or 3 hours a day to interpret the telecommunications bill to him while he gave Mr. GINGRICH, his PAC gave the Republican Party \$125,000, \$25,000 to the Gingrich PAC.

It turns out that, not only did Mr. Jones have a financial interest in the outcome of the telecommunications bill, he was sitting in the Speaker's office, but also when many of us were startled when the Speaker took a position against the cyberporn portions of the telecommunications bill to protect children from pornography. We now find out that Mr. Jones had a financial interest in the telecommunications company that was dealing with pornography and adult films. Mr. Jones said

he did not know. Forty percent of his income from that company came from pornography. Mr. Speaker, clean up your office.

THE MOST INVESTIGATED ADMINISTRATION IN HISTORY

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, just when we thought that the poor judgment or the ethical standards of the Clinton administration could not get any worse, along comes the revelation yesterday that Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary paid \$43,000 in taxpayers' money to compile what amounts to an enemies list. For that, the Secretary should resign immediately.

Secretary O'Leary joins a long list of other Clinton administration figures who have helped make this probably the most investigated administration in history: Deputy Attorney General Webb Hubbell, Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown, Secretary of Agriculture, Mike Espy, Secretary of HUD, Henry Cisneros, Treasury official Jean Hansen, White House lawyers William Kennedy and Bernie Nussbaum and resident egghead Ira Magaziner, the Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, Roger Altman, not to mention White Whitewater. And who can forget poor Josh Steiner, the former Treasury official who testified that he lied to his own diary. Perhaps most important and embarrassing is the unprecedented legal defense fund for a sitting President.

Yet this same administration has the nerve to lecture us about balancing the budget.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Republican majority want to shut down Government because they cannot pass their bill that is loaded up like a Christmas tree. They have not passed the majority of the appropriations bills, and they are over 40 days late.

So what are we going to see? Social Security claims will not be paid. Veterans' benefit checks delayed. National parks closed.

The Republican majority has told the President and the American people, it is our way or no way. Well, the voters sent the message last Tuesday and by the polls show that by 2 to 1 they are rejecting the Republican extremism.

We support a balanced budget, but not at the expense of cutting Medicare, education funds, and student loans.

LAY ASIDE GIMMICKS

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, our opponents like to come to the floor and say the most outrageous things about what is going on here in Congress. Over and over we hear words such as extremists, zealots, and terrorists. This from the same party who constantly demand civility in public life.

Now, many on the other side know that we have to get control of the budget. Many of them have voted for a balanced budget amendment. In their heart of hearts, they know we have to balance the budget. But, unfortunately, most of our opponents lack the basic will to say "no." They would rather go on spending more and more taxpayer dollars on inefficient programs than lose the support of a particular liberal special interest group.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to lay aside the excuses and the gimmicks and all the talk about extremist and zealots. Let us balance the budget. It is the right thing to do for the American people and the future of this great Nation. Let's just do it.

MORE ON GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Mr. WISE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, regrettably on Tuesday I think the unthinkable may well happen. That is, first of all, the shutdown of the Federal Government. It did not have to be this way. Nor did it have to be that the Nation's economy would needlessly be endangered by a possible default on the debt ceiling.

There ought to be two bills passed here that are called clean. One that simply extends the funding for the Federal Government for another couple of weeks while negotiations on a balanced budget take place, and the second bill, a clean bill, simply permits the Government to continue borrowing to pay back bills, not future spending.

But regrettably, because extremists in this House have insisted on loading on unacceptable provisions such as an increase in Medicare part B premiums and other provisions, these will have to be vetoed. The President will really have no choice and so we have come to this crunch.

Thousands of Federal employees in West Virginia and the eastern panhandle and across the Nation will be furloughed. Millions of citizens will be inconvenienced as Government services are shut down and, worst of all, by taking them hostage, the economy of this country can be endangered.

It does not have to be this way, Mr. Speaker, nor should it be.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). Pursuant to clause 5 of